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1. TODAY'S (FEB 24) BERLINGSKE TIDENDE CARRIED THE MOST EXTENSIVE, IF SOMEWHAT FLIPPANT, COVERAGE OF PRIME MINISTER'S WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES. HEADLINED QUOTE HIGH SPIRITED ANKER J. IN CROSS-FIRE UNQUOTE BERLINGSKE' WASHINGTON-BASED CORRESPONDENT BENT ALBRECTSEN'S REPORT COVERED PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB WHERE ANKER JORGENSEN ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM 250 JOURNALISTS. ALBRECTSEN POINTED OUT THAT ANKER'S VISIT HAS NOT GENERATED MUCH DRAMA OR TENSION. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN THE REASON (ACCORDING TO ALBRECTSEN) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE STATED THAT HE THINKS MITTERAND MAY WIN THE FRENCH ELECTIONS AND THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE AT ALL BAD. A FRENCH CORRESPONDENT COMMENTED, AFTER THE MEETING, THAT THIS STATEMENT COULD RESULT IN AN OFFICIAL FRENCH PROTEST. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO STATED THAT HE FELT THE PROPOSED PANAMA TREATY WAS A GOOD SOLUTION
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FOR EVERYONE CONCERNED. A REMARK WHICH, SAID ALBRECTSEN, CAUSED SOME MUTTERING. ALBRECTSEN WENT ON TO GIVE A FRIVOLOUS REPORT OF K.B. ANDERSEN'S ROLE DURING THE VISIT AND ENDED THE STORY WITH A COMMENTARY ON ANKER JORGENSEN'S "INVOLUNTARILY" LOW PROFILE DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. THE HIGHLIGHT, SAID

ALBRECHTSEN, WAS QUOTE A LUNCH WITH THE VICE
PRESIDENT. UNQUOTE.

2. AKTUELT CARRIED A FOUR-COLUMN REPORT
HEADLINED QUOTE THE EC-MILL GRINDS SLOWLY,
BUT IT DOES GRIND UNQUOTE (WITH A TWO-COLUMN
PIX OF JORGENSEN AND "TIP" O'NEILL WITH AMBASSADOR
JOHN GUNTHER DEAN IN BACKGROUND). AKTUELT
REPORTS THAT, DURING ALUNCHEON AT THE NATIONAL
PRESS CLUB, ANKER JORGENSEN EXPLAINED WHAT
EC IS AND HOW IT FUNCTIONS. REFERRING
TO EC THE PRIME MINISTER SAID QUOTE NO LONGER
DO WE EXPORT OUR PROBLEMS, WE TRY TO SOLVE THEM
TOGETHER UNQUOTE AND WENT ON TO STATE THAT HIS
VISIT TO USA SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT THE EC-USA
RELATIONSHIP IS TO THE COMMON MARKET.

3. POLITIKEN RAN A TWO - COLUMN STORY HEADLINED
QUOTE AN EC-OPTIMIST IN WASHINGTON UNQUOTE
UNDER A PIX OF JORGENSEN AND "TIP" O'NEILL
(ALSO WITH AMBASSADOR DEAN). POLITIKEN REPORTED
ON ANKER'S PRESS CLUB SPEECH, WHERE (ACCORDING
TO POLITIKEN) CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES LIKE THE
NEUTRON BOMB AND THE ENERGY PROBLEM WERE AVOIDED.
POLITIKEN WENT ON TO STATE THAT THIS WAS THE PRIME
MINISTER'S LAST DAY IN WASHINGTON AND THAT HE
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IS HEADED FOR COLORADO SPRINGS.

4. KRISTELIG DAGBLAD CARRIED A FIVE-COLUMN
STORY ON BOTTOM OF FRONT PAGE, HEADLINED QUOTE
I AM A EUROPEAN OPTIMIST UNQUOTE AND SUBTITLED
QUOTE PRIME MINISTER'S FINAL SPEECH IN USA
TRANSMITTED ON 200 RADIO STATIONS UNQUOTE.
KRISTELIG DAGBLAD POINTS OUT THAHANKER JORGENSEN'S
PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON WAS IN KEEPING
WITH THE SPRIT OF DENMARK'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE
EC. IN HIS SPEECH THE PRIME MINISTER POINTED
OUT THE DIFFICULTIES IN EC WHICH SPRING FROM THE
DIFFERENT CULTURES AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NINE
MEMBERS. BUT HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE HIMSELF
IS QUOTE AN EUROPEAN OPTIMIST UNQUOTE.
KRISTELIG DAGBLAD ALSO DESCRIBED THE OFFICIAL
DEPARTURE - CEREMONY WITH CYRUS VANCE
PARTICIPATING.

5. B.T. RAN A FOUR-COLUMN STORY HEADLINED QUOTE
POLITICAL STORM AWAITS ANKER AFTER COMMENTS
TO JOURNALISTS IN USA UNQUOTE, REFERRING TO

ANKER'S STATEMENT AT THE WASHINGTON PRESS LUNCHEON
WHERE THE PRIME MINISTER SAID QUOTE HE HOPED
THE FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER FRANCOIS MITTERAND
WOULD WIN THE ELECTION IN FRANCE NEXT MONTH
UNQUOTE. B.T. PREDICTS THAT SEVERE POLITICAL
CONSEQUENCES ARE TO BE EXPECTED BOTH FROM THE
FRENCH REGIME AND THE NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES IN DENMARK.
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